Dear Sam, 7/4/93

Right on!

Thanks for sending that rough draft to Belin and Lelyveld.

You may get a response from the compulsive Judenrat Belin, I think not from the Times, from which I've heard nothing. Lelyveld I'm sure likes his job and knows very well that the Times' policy is to support the official mythology and mythologizers.

A lengthier version I did as a long article is to be published in New Zealand. A writer friend introduced it to a Sunday paper there. He phoned last evebing, late Sunday morning there.

With the beginning of the Connally-fragment flap, the most natural of promotions for my new book, I sent the article I also sent to New Zealand to my copublisher friend. Not a word in two weeks. I also asked in a separate letter for their plans for publication, when and with what effort, etc. Also no response. On the remote chance he is or was on vacation I'll wait until Thursday. If I've not heard by then or what I hear is not satisfactory I'll withdraw the book. Mail my Tuesday if no letter by then

I am convinced it is being delayed to protect a wretchedly bad, really sick self-promotion of a book with an initial print of 50,000+ in hardback. They know that author is not rational but they've made so much on his previous trash they are greedy and to hell with me and a decent, important book. As we have all learned, money first.

I am well into what our dear friend Joe wanted me to do years ago, an autobiography. This is one entirely limited to the learning experiences, there being no formal education for it, that enabled me to do what I have done and am doing. After this accreditations I'll use the two commercially most successful and most misinformative and disinformative books as illustrations of the entire field of the childish conspiracy theories presented as solutions.

I've been rushing. This past week 35-40000 words drafted.

What I'll do on the book being protected by suppressing mine will take some time. But what I'll do on the other one is already done, at least 10,000 words. I have no real expectation of publication but I'll have made a record for history.

I appreciate what you've done and hope both will get responses although I'll be surprised if Lelyveld writes you. I hope he does. Belin will be no surprise. Nor will he self-justification and/or attempted disproof of what I said. We debated once, at Vanderbilt, in about 11/75. When he got home the next day he announced a press conference for the following day. He then came out for a new investigation! And to the best of my knowledge he has never mentioned my name since. He simply could not face his own record, all that I addressed to his face at Vanderbilt.

Again thanks and our best,

Harold